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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: RESETTLEMENT OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES

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SUMMARY: OMANGOV HAS REJECTED IDEA OF ACCEPTING VIETNAMESE/ CAMBODIAN REFUGEES. END SUMMARY.

1. ZAWAWI INVITED ME TO FOREIGN MINISTRY MAY 4 AND RESPONDED TO OUR APRIL 30 DEMARCHE ON REFUGEES. SAID OMANGOV FEELS IT CANNOT ACCEPT ANY FOR RESETTLEMENT HERE. HE FUSSED AROUND WITH RATIONALE SOMETHING LIKE THIS. OMAN, UNLIKE MANY NATIONS, HAS NO TRADITION OF ACCEPTING GDOUPS OF DISPLACED PERSONS. ITS EXPERIENCE WITH INDIAN TRADING COMMUNITY WHICH HAS BEEN HERE FOR CENTURY OR MORE IS THAT THEY NEVER MIX OR MELT INTO NATIVE POPULATION. IT HAS CAREFULLY BUT EMPHATICALLY DIS- COURAGED SETTLEMENT HERE OF "OLD SCHOOL" SOUTH YEMENI REFUGEES FROM ADEN. IT FEARS THAT TO ACCEPT NOW A GROUP EVEN OF SMALL SIZE FROM VIETNAM OR CAMBODIA, WHOSE ETHNIC STOCK SO DIFFERENT FROM OMANIS, WOULD RISK CRITICISM AND PRESSURE FROM SISTER ARAB STATES WHO WOULD POINT TO OMAN AS PROVIDING HAVEN FOR "STRANGERS" WHILE RESISTING PALESTINIAN PRESENCE, REFUGEE OR NON-REFUGEE. AND SO FORTH.

2. WHAT THIS BOILS DOWN TO, UNFORTUNATELY, IS THAT OMAN DOES  
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NOT WANT TO BE BOTHERED.

3. I TOLD MINISTER IT WAS "MELTING POT" EXPERIENCE THAT HAD MADE U.S. THE STRONG, RESOURCEFUL STATE AND CIVILIZATION THAT IT IS AND I HAD HOPED OMANGOV MIGHT LOOK AT VIETNAMESE REFUGEE MATTER MORE IN THIS LIGHT. I WAS SORRY THIS WAS NOT SO.

4. REGARDING OMAN'S RECENT DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION OF SOUTH VIETNAM, ZAWAWI NOTED THIS OVERTAKEN BY CIRCUMSTANCES AND WAS NOW DEAD.

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